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Appreciation of guardians by youth is important to create a good family relationship in which all members are happy. This research was designed to determine the level of appreciation guardians by students and the relationship between predisposing, enabling, reinforcing factors and valuable behavior on guardians of students. Predictive factors of appreciation were also studied by predisposing, enabling and reinforcing factors. The sample consisted of 351 students, selected by systematic sampling, who studied in senior secondary schools in Samuthsakorn. Data were collected by self administered questionnaires during 2nd-22th December 1998 and analyzed by using SPSS/PC for Windows program. The statistical analysis included frequencies, percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, Pearson Product Moment Correlation coefficient , chi-square and stepwise multiple regression analysis.

Results of the study revealed that the majority of appreciation (68.4 percent) by students was at a middle level. Predisposing factors regarding perception, attitude and experience about appreciation of guardians were significantly correlated in a positive way to appreciation. Enabling factors showed that training pattern and family relationship were significantly correlated in a positive way towards a healthy family relationship. Reinforcing factors showed that guardian support, teacher support and peer support were significantly correlated in a positive way. The family relationship, the perception about appreciation of guardians and guardian support could predict the variance in appreciation at 43.9 percent.

It is recommended that appreciation of guardians should be at a high level. The support organizations should have a policy regarding family relationships, learning about attitude and students' roles toward appreciation of guardians. In order to reinforce the guardians' way of giving a good example to the students and to respect their parents, culture and traditional interaction should be improved.